

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-24: Cancelled

Claim 25 (New): An arrangement for Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) flow control of data from a transmitting end to a receiving end via an intermediate element comprising a transmit buffer in a communication system, the arrangement comprising:

means for determining delay in the transmit buffer; and

means for modifying TCP window size operably coupled to the means for determining delay and arranged to modify TCP window size dependent on the determined delay.

Claim 26 (New): The arrangement of claim 25, wherein the means for modifying TCP window size comprises means for sending an indication of modified TCP window size to the transmitting end of the communication system.

Claim 27 (New): The arrangement of claim 26, wherein the transmitting end of the communication system is a TCP server.

Claim 28 (New): The arrangement of claim 26, wherein the means for sending an indication of modified TCP window size is configured to send the indication of modified TCP window size in an acknowledge packet.

Claim 29 (New): The arrangement of claim 25, wherein the means for modifying TCP window size modifies the TCP window size as a function of the determined transmit buffer delay and a target transmit buffer delay.

Claim 30 (New): The arrangement of claim 25, wherein the means for modifying TCP window size modifies the TCP window size as a function of the determined transmit buffer delay and a previously determined TCP window size.

Claim 31 (New): The arrangement of claim 25, wherein the means for modifying TCP window size modifies the TCP window size as a function of the determined transmit buffer delay and a function of control loop gain.

Claim 32 (New): The arrangement of claim 25, wherein the means for modifying TCP window size comprises means for determining a number of received acknowledge packets.

Claim 33 (New): The arrangement of claim 32, wherein the means for modifying TCP window size is arranged to further modify TCP window size in response to the means for determining a number of received acknowledge packets determining a number of acknowledge packets equal to half of a current number of data units in the system.

Claim 34 (New): The arrangement of claim 25, wherein the means for determining delay in the transmit buffer comprises means for determining mean buffer delay of a plurality of data units passing through the transmit buffer and the means for modifying TCP window size modifies TCP window size as a function of the mean buffer delay.

Claim 35 (New): The arrangement of claim 34, wherein the means for modifying TCP window size is arranged to modify TCP window size if the mean buffer delay is within a predetermined range about a target delay, by an amount related to a difference between the mean buffer delay and the target delay.

Claim 36 (New): The arrangement of claim 34, wherein the means for modifying TCP window size is arranged to modify TCP window size if the mean buffer delay is outside a predetermined range about a target delay, by an amount related to a difference between a current

mean buffer size and a predetermined value.

Claim 37 (New): The arrangement of claim 25, wherein the communication system is a wireless communication system and the intermediate element is a network controller of the system.

Claim 38 (New): The arrangement of claim 37, wherein the wireless communication system comprises a UTRAN system.

Claim 39 (New): A method for Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) flow control of data from a transmitting end to a receiving end via an intermediate element comprising a transmit buffer in a communication system, the method comprising:

determining delay in the transmit buffer; and

modifying TCP window size dependent on the determined delay.

Claim 40 (New): The method of claim 39, wherein modifying TCP window size comprises sending an indication of modified TCP window size to a transmitting end of the communication system.

Claim 41 (New): The method of claim 40, wherein sending the indication of modified TCP window size is sent in an acknowledge packet.

Claim 42 (New): The method of claim 39, wherein modifying TCP window size comprises determining a new TCP window size as a function of the determined delay and a target transmit buffer delay.

Claim 43 (New): The method of claim 39, wherein modifying TCP window size comprises determining a new TCP window size as a function of the determined transit buffer delay and a previously determined TCP window size.

Claim 44 (New): The method of claim 39, wherein modifying TCP window size comprises modifying the TCP window size as a function of the determined transmit buffer delay and a function of control loop gain.

Claim 45 (New): The method of claim 39, further comprising determining a number of received acknowledge packets.

Claim 46 (New): The method of claim 45, wherein further modifying the TCP window size is performed in response to determining the number of received acknowledge packets is equal to half of a current number of data units in the communication system.

Claim 47 (New): The method of claim 39, wherein determining delay in the transmit buffer comprises determining mean buffer delay of a plurality of data units passing through the transmit buffer and modifying TCP window size as a function of the mean buffer delay.

Claim 48 (New): The method of claim 47, comprising modifying TCP window size if the mean buffer delay is within a predetermined range about a target delay, by an amount related to a difference between the mean buffer delay and the target delay.

Claim 49 (New): The method of claim 47, comprising modifying TCP window size if the mean buffer delay is outside a predetermined range about a target delay, by an amount related to a difference between a current mean buffer size and a predetermined value.

Claim 50 (New): The method of claim 39, wherein the intermediate element is a network controller of a wireless communication system.

Claim 51 (New): The method of claim 50, wherein the wireless communication system comprises a UTRAN system.

Claim 52 (New): A computer program element comprising computer program means for performing the method of claim 39.

Claim 53 (New): An integrated circuit comprising the arrangement of claim 25.